# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:493
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MOBILE PHONE SERVICE IN VILLAGES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect all the villages of the country by mobile phone service by November 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set a target to extend mobile phone service to the far-flung rural areas;

(d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which all the villages would be provided with this facility especially in Rajasthan?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 493 FOR 9TH MAY, 2007 REGARDING MOBILE PHONE SERVICE IN VILLAGES

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) A scheme has been launched by the Government to provide support for setting up and managing 7871 number of infrastructure sites spread over 500 districts across 81 clusters in the country for provision of mobile services including other Wireless Access Services like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) using Fixed/Mobile terminals in the specified rural and remote areas, where there is no existing fixed wireless or mobile coverage. A statement indicating State-wise details of towers to be set up in specified rural and remote areas of the country are given in the Annexure.

(e) It is expected that with additional towers proposed to be set up in year 2008 & 2009, all villages will be covered by the year 2010.